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By Special Messenger

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letters of 13 and 24 July 1946 in which you discuss the transfer of intelligence responsibilities from your Bureau to the Central Intelligence Group.

I regret that you have found it impossible to continue in operation your offices in the [redacted] In view of the short time available, CIG will be unable to take over all of those three offices. However, in order to comply with the wishes of the Department of State, we have found it possible to assign one of our men to [redacted] but only by withdrawing him from a European post where his services are equally in demand.

In response to your desire, the CIG will shortly furnish you with a schedule and plan for the assumption of responsibilities in the various remaining countries of Latin America. I am sure that you will realize and appreciate the impossibility of CIG's taking over coverage and responsibility prior to the dates indicated in this schedule.

At this time may I express my appreciation for the cooperation thus far extended by your representatives in the initial preparation of our plans. They have been of great assistance to us.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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